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Hoekstra Issues Statement on the Arrest of Key al-Qaeda Leader

Abu Faraj al-Libbi Captured in Pakistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI), Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement on the arrest of key al-Qaeda leader Abu Faraj al-Libbi in Pakistan:

“The capture of Abu Faraj al-Libbi is a key accomplishment facilitated by the collection of timely and accurate intelligence.

“Briefings to the House Intelligence Committee have regularly demonstrated al-Libbi’s role as the most senior field commander and planner for al-Qaeda. His arrest clearly will have an impact on the terrorists. I commend all who participated in this operation and the government of Pakistan for its close cooperation with the United States.

“The House Intelligence Committee will continue to closely monitor the effect of his capture on al-Qaeda’s operations and the ongoing efforts of the United States to continue gathering and exploiting intelligence to dismantle the terrorists.

“While many threats remain, this is an important blow in the war on terror – and it will not be the last.”